

SCENES WERE HARROWING

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE SAW FIRE-
MEN GO TO THEIR DEATHS.

A Cigar Thrown Carelessly on a Floor Was the Cause of Great Damage by Fire and the Loss of Life—When the Walls of a Building Fell Men and Women Lost Their Heads Completely.

Cincinnati, July 17.—A fatal fire at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the main part of the shipping quarter of the city resulted in the death of two firemen and the probable fatally injuring of six others. The fatalities were caused by the falling of the walls of the burning building. The dead are Captain Healey and Pipeman Jack Wisby.

The injured are: Fireman Ed. Newman, Captain Neal, Fireman Grove, Captain Purcell, Driver Bart Thompson, Mike McNally, John Mullen, Lew Westcott, Fred Cunningham, William Beebe, Victor Ennis and Edward Anthony.

It is impossible to tell at this hour how many of the firemen will die. They are all unconscious at midnight.

When the fire alarm sounded nearly every engine in the city bottoms, as that part of the city lying near the approach to the big suspension bridge is called, was sent to the scene. The block which was destroyed lies at Front and Water streets. From the time the alarm sounded until late at night scenes harrowing and pathetic transpired in rapid succession.

The fire burst forth from the second story of Hermes & Co.'s building at Water and Walnut streets. It is supposed by some to have started from a cigar thrown carelessly on the floor, which was covered with loose hay. In ten minutes after the firemen reached the scene the handsome five-story building was doomed.

The flames jumped to the adjoining buildings, rapidly devouring the stores and warehouses of the Smith Coal and Sand company, the Nelson Morris estate and the stores of Klein and Quirk and Seaman & Co. The fire was under control when the walls of Klein & Quirk's building fell. They were considered safe. The firemen were fighting the fire without thought of danger when the crash came. Ten thousand people witnessed the disaster. For a moment both men and women lost their heads completely. Then citizens came forward and aided in the rescue of the buried firemen.

Captain Healey and Pipeman Wisby were the first dug out, but were dead. It was over an hour before all the firemen were extricated from the mass of debris. Some of the escapes were miraculous.

ON THE BALL FIELD.

Results of the Games in the Big League Yesterday.

At Cincinnati—Boston and Cincinnati played two games to-day, both of which were won by the home team. The scores:

First game—Cincinnati .0 1 1 3 0 0 0 1 1—12 Boston . . . 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1
Base hits—Cincinnati 16, Boston 6. Errors—Cincinnati 1, Boston 2. Batteries—Foreman and Murphy; Sexton and Ryan.

Second game—Cincinnati . . . 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 2—6 Boston . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1
Base hits—Cincinnati 16, Boston 6. Errors—Cincinnati 1, Boston 2. Batteries—Rhines and Murphy; Silvestri and Ryan.

At Cleveland—Cleveland won two games to-day, making it four straight. The scores:

First game—Cleveland .0 0 2 0 1 0 3 7—13 Baltimore . . . 0 0 4 3 0 1 0 0—1
Base hits—Cleveland 19, Baltimore 18. Errors—Cleveland 4, Baltimore 4. Batteries—Wilson, Knell and Zimmer; Clarkson, Esper, Clark and Robinson.

Second game—Cleveland . . . 2 1 0 0 2 0 6—6 Baltimore . . . 0 1 0 0 0 0 1—3
Base hits—Cleveland 6, Baltimore 7. Errors—Cleveland 4, Baltimore 1. Batteries—Cuppy and Zimmer; Pond and Robinson.

At Chicago—Taylor was pounded hard in the fourth inning to-day, ten hits being made, which, with two bases on balls and two errors by Sullivan, resulted in twelve runs for the Chicago. In the first half of the seventh the Chicago scored five runs more, but Umpire Keefe called the game to allow the Philadelphia to catch a train. The score:

Chicago . . . 0 0 12 0 0 12—24 Philadelphia . . . 0 0 2 2 3 0—13
Hits—Chicago 13, Philadelphia 11. Errors—Chicago 1, Philadelphia 3. Batteries—Thornton and Donahue; Taylor, Buckley and Clements.

At St. Louis—The New York to-day took the third game from the Browns by a narrow margin. The score: St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 0 2 0 6—2 New York . . . 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0—3
Hits—St. Louis 9, New York 6. Errors—Brettenstein and Miller; German and Wilson.

THE WORK OF A BRUTE.

Beat His Wife With the Barrel of a Gun. Bethany, July 17.—A shocking crime took place here this morning. Henry Sepper, a Frenchman, beat his wife with the barrel of a gun, breaking both her legs and one arm. She is otherwise bruised on all parts of her body and it is feared by Dr. Spring, who is attending her, that she is internally injured. She may not recover.

The brute of a husband was arrested by a local constable and taken to New Haven jail, where he was locked up.

Sailed Under Tow.

Newport, R. I., July 17.—The sloops Defender and Colonia sailed at 5:15 p. m. in tow of the tug Walter Luckenbach for New Rochelle, N. Y. Mr. Iselin's summer home. Mr. Iselin was seen on board Defender just before anchor was weighed and said he hoped to tow through without a stop, but it looked thick outside and perhaps they would not be able to make port.

SOUTHPORT WHEEL CLUB RACE.

Thirty-three Wheelmen Started—Hoyt of Bridgeport Establishes a State Record. Southport, July 17.—This afternoon the annual road race under the auspices of the Southport Wheel club took place and thirty-two wheelmen started. There were a large number of entries from all parts of the state and several members of the Riverside club of New York entered, but failed to start. The race was over a ten-mile course and the scratch man, Frederick Hoyt of Bridgeport, made the best time and established a state record for the distance. His time was 20:59.3-5.

Following is the order in which the racers finished:

Henry Meeker of Southport, first; time, 23:24.2; 2-3 minutes handicap.

William Rutz of New Haven, 2 minutes handicap, second.

Frederick Hoyt of Bridgeport, scratch, fourth.

ELECTRIC MEETING.

The Report of the President Highly Satisfactory to the Stockholders.

Pittsburg, July 17.—The ninth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company was held at the new plant of the company in East Pittsburg to-day. The representation was very full, 119,000 votes being cast in the election of officers. There was no opposition to the re-election of the old board of directors. The board will meet within a week and recommend by the re-election of the old officers, there being no opposition.

The report of the president, Mr. George Westinghouse, Jr., was read in full, and throughout indicated that the affairs of the organization were in the best possible shape. The report shows net profits of \$711,969. The balance sheet shows total assets to be \$18,814,241; surplus over liabilities of \$3,979,400. The report concerning the company's interests in outside corporations was highly satisfactory to the shareholders.

After the meeting adjourned the visiting stockholders together with a number of prominent railroad men witnessed two important tests of new inventions, which will shortly be placed upon the market. The first of these was the new railway motor, and especially suited for use on elevated and other railroads.

A second test was a new car buffer, for which is claimed the ability to stand jolts and jars in practical railroad work without perceptible inconvenience.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Quarterly Meeting Held in Meriden.

Meriden, July 17.—The second quarterly meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps of Connecticut, was held in the Y. W. R. parlors to-day. The following members of the board were present: Mrs. Hayden, department president, and Mrs. Clara E. Gallagher, department secretary, of Meriden; Mrs. Charlotte E. Wright, department counselor, New Haven; Mrs. E. E. Loomis, department treasurer, Farmington; Mrs. Jane A. Pultz, Plantsville; Mrs. Helen M. Brown, New Hartford; Mrs. Sara G. Spaulding, Norwich; Mrs. Augusta B. Hammond, Rockville; Mrs. H. J. Bodge, Hartford.

Shortly before noon the morning session, which was devoted to routine business, was closed and after spending some time together socially, the members went to Terrell's, where an excellent dinner was served. After dinner the visitors spent some time going about the city and at 2 o'clock the afternoon session was called to order by the department president, Mrs. Hayden, who presided. This session was given up to a discussion of the trip to Louisville at the time of the next national encampment and to what work should be done at the Soldiers' Home by the department.

Died in Middletown. Middletown, July 17.—Samuel Fenn, aged seventy-five, for over fifty a leading expressman in this county, died this morning of softening of the brain.

STUNNED BY LIGHTNING.

Glastonbury Man Felled in His Boat—Crawled on Hands and Knees.

Glastonbury, July 17.—Julius C. Roberts had a narrow escape from drowning Saturday afternoon. He was on the cove fishing from a rowboat and did not observe the rapidly approaching shower until it was quite near. He hurriedly wound up his lines and was about to row to the shore when, as he described it, it seemed to him a red hot iron was suddenly flung in front of his eyes, followed by a peal of thunder. Peculiar sensations began to come over him and he was soon lying unconscious in the bottom of the boat, at least he has no memory of what happened for some time after, and when he regained consciousness he found himself in this condition. He was sitting when the flash came, otherwise it is not unlikely that he would in his weakened condition have fallen overboard. He found great difficulty in climbing the hill back of Elmer Trillett's after reaching the shore and was so weak that he finally was obliged to take to his hands and knees to do so. Mr. Roberts has been much incapacitated since and has just begun to get his usual strength again. His appetite was also much affected and he has been unable to keep anything on his stomach.

Norwich-New London Electric Road. Norwich, July 17.—Work on the electric road between this city and New London began this morning, and operations will continue until the road is completed. Railroad Engineer Sleeper of Boston is making a profile plan of the route.

Connecticut People at Washington.

Washington, July 17.—Connecticut people registered at local hotels: Ebbitt, S. H. Fischer of New Haven; Howard, E. F. Sherman of New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor; Randall, C. McDowell of New London.

PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

CIRCULAR HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE CORDAGE BONDHOLDERS.

Gold Bond Securities Are to be Issued—Negotiable Receipts Will be Issued by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company—Stockholders Must Endorse Their Stock in Blanks in Proper Form.

New York, July 17.—The United States Cordage bondholders' reorganization committee to-day issued the following circular:

To holders of first mortgage bonds and of guaranteed, preferred and common stock of the United States Cordage company:

The undersigned at the request of the United States Cordage bondholders' protective committee have consented to act as a committee for the reorganization of the affairs of the company. This committee deems it a matter of importance that the affairs of the reorganized company be managed by persons conversant with the Cordage business in order that the failures of the past may not be repeated. They recommend that the mills not necessary for the purpose of the company should be disposed of, and that the amount thereby realized be applied to the payment of underlying liens on the remaining mills. By this means also the cost of carrying mills which last year amounted to \$100,000 will be saved. With an efficient management it is believed the company can safely incur the fixed charges imposed by this plan.

The committee has prepared and deposited with the Farmers' Loan and Trust company a plan of reorganization providing in substance as follows:

First—The organization of the corporation to acquire such portions of the real estate and other properties as may be necessary for the purposes of the new corporation.

Second—The issue of the following securities: (a) Six million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in first mortgage fifty year gold bonds redeemable at 105, interest to begin to run from April 1, 1896, at the rate of 5 per cent. for three years and 6 per cent. thereafter. (b) Sixteen million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of common stock.

Third—The holders of bonds and stock of the present company, who shall be made parties to the reorganization shall deposit the same with the committee and shall be entitled to receive bonds and stock as above described on the following basis:

(a) Holders of the \$5,543,500 present outstanding issue of first mortgage bonds shall be entitled to exchange the same for first mortgage bonds in the new company at the rate of \$600 of new bonds and \$400 of new stock for each \$1,000 of the present bonds.

(b) Holders of guaranteed stock shall for each share of their holding be entitled to subscribe \$15 for which they will receive said new first mortgage bonds to the amount of \$15 per share and new stock to the amount of \$90 per share.

(c) Holders of preferred stock shall for each share of their holding be entitled to subscribe for each share of their holding be entitled to subscribe \$7.50; for which they will receive said new first mortgage bonds to the amount of \$7.50 per share and new stock to the amount of \$56 per share.

(d) Holders of common stock shall for each share of their holding be entitled to subscribe \$3.75; for which they will receive said new first mortgage bonds to the amount of \$3.75 per share and new stock to the amount of \$22.50 per share.

Subscriptions will be payable one-third on the deposit of the stock under the reorganization agreement and the residue in two installments equalled by the committee on not less than ten days' notice.

Holders of securities of the United States Cordage company must deposit the same on or before Monday, August 5, 1895, with the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, New York, as follows:

First mortgage bonds with first installment of \$5 per share.

Preferred stock with first installment of \$2.50 per share.

Common stock with first installment of \$1.25 per share.

Negotiable receipts will be issued by the Farmers' Loan and Trust company on deposit of the securities and application to list the same will be made to the New York Stock Exchange. Stockholders must endorse their stock in blank in proper form for transfer and deliver the certificates to the Farmers' Loan and Trust company on or before Monday, August 5, 1895, accompanied with certificates of deposit.

(Signed) Stuyvesant Fish, George Mosie, Charles A. Peabody, Jr., committee.

Mr. Fish is president of the Illinois Central railroad, also vice president of the National Park bank and is a large holder of the Cordage securities. George Mosie is a member of Mosie Brothers, one of the leading commission houses in New York, and also represents a large number of the securities. Charles A. Peabody, Jr., is a director of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, and represents the Farmers' Loan and Trust company and the Astor estate.

WHERE THEY WILL MEET.

The State Highway Commissioners. Hartford, July 17.—The new highway commissioners, James H. McDonald, A. C. Sterberg and W. R. McDonald, were assigned to rooms 25 and 27 at the capitol, this morning, by the comptroller. One room will be used by the committee and the other by the draughtsmen, who will prepare the plans for good roads.

Will be Tried for Arson.

New Canaan, July 17.—To-day Mrs. Thomas Mooney, who was arrested last night for arson, was given a hearing. Probable cause was found and she was bound over to the superior court for trial. It is charged that Mrs. Mooney set fire to the barn of Benjamin Russell.

PEOPLE'S PARTY MEET.

Nominations Made at the Convention in Boston.

Boston, July 17.—The state convention of the people's party, for the first time a delegate convention, was held in this city to-day.

The resolutions, which were adopted after recess, reaffirm the principles adopted at the Omaha convention, declare for an invariable dollar, the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, sworn returns of personal property for purposes of taxation, public ownership of monopolies, state control of the liquor system, published records of legislative votes and yes and no votes on final passage of measures, favor the adoption of the initiative and referendum, oppose biennial elections, pledge the party to support all reasonable demands of labor, condemn the encroachment of the judiciary upon the rights of the people to trial by jury and favor equal suffrage to all citizens. When these resolutions had been carried the following ticket was put in nomination:

For governor—E. Gerry Brown, Brookline; lieutenant governor, T. C. Buddington, Springfield; secretary of state, C. D. Nash Whitman; state treasurer, M. W. Morgan, Boston; auditor, Andrew L. Danvers; attorney, B. C. Winn, Greenfield.

After a speech of acceptance by Candidate Brown the convention adjourned.

IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Ex-President Harrison Is Not a Candidate for the Presidency.

Old Forge, N. Y., July 17.—General Benjamin Harrison has broken his silence as regards the presidency. He has said that under no circumstances will he become a candidate for that office.

This statement was made in his cottage last evening in the presence of two of his old Grand Army friends, Congressman Theron L. Poole of Syracuse, N. Y., and Joseph I. Sayles of Rome, N. Y.

Congressman Poole came here to invite General Harrison to go to Syracuse on Grand Army day during the week of the state fair. When Major Poole made known to the general the object of their mission the general replied that he was always pleased at seeing his old comrades in arms, but he could not promise to go to Syracuse at the time he was asked to.

Later Major Poole renewed his efforts to have the general promise to go to Syracuse. The ex-president again stated that he would not. Then, after a moment's hesitation, Mr. Harrison said: "Major, I will tell you why I do not care to go to Syracuse at the time you want me to. If I go anywhere now and make a speech the candidates for the presidency will say that I am a candidate for that office and am going for political purposes."

Then with a voice that carried with it all the earnestness and positiveness that is to be found in the general's make-up he continued:

"I am not a candidate for the presidency, have not been, will not be. I do not want the office and would not accept it."

The visitors did not urge him further and soon afterwards they took their departure.

COMMITTEE ON STREETS.

No Money Yet to Carry on the Work of Street Improvements.

The committee on streets at a meeting last evening recommended the grading of sidewalks and curbs on the west side of Haven street, between Grand avenue and Exchange streets, also a sidewalk on the east side of Kimberly avenue, between No. 118 and the Boulevard.

Petitioners for a concrete walk on the south side of Whalley avenue, between University Place and Dwight street, and for concrete walk in front of 42 and 44 Whalley avenue, were given leave to withdraw.

The petition of the New Haven Wheel company for a vitrified brick pavement in Ashmun street, from Gregory to Elm, was tabled because no bonds have yet been issued under the legislative act providing for permanent pavements.

The same action was taken with the report of the board of public works concerning orders for paving and hardening streets, cobble gutters, grading and miscellaneous matters, orders for which have been unexecuted because of lack of money.

GUGLIMINO SURRENDERS.

Accused of Cutting a Fellow Countryman With a Knife.

Charles Guglimino, who seriously cut Michael Angelo Cianciolo in a row on Water street, July 6, and who was subsequently arrested at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and later released, walked into police headquarters late yesterday afternoon and surrendered himself.

His bondsman, Antonio Spinello, was with him and gave \$200 bail for his appearance.

The injured man is still at the hospital and will not be able to be out in two or three weeks.

Burton-Norman.

A quiet home wedding occurred last evening at 66 Whalley avenue, the Rev. S. Dryden Phelps, D. D., being the officiating clergyman. Miss Annie C. Norman and George R. Burton, the insurance agent, were the contracting parties. Only immediate relatives of the two families were present. Mr. and Mrs. Burton will sail for Europe on the Etruria on Saturday and will be abroad until September.

Three Were Killed.

Monument, Col., July 17.—A Santa Fe freight train bound from Denver to Colorado Springs fell through a bridge just south of here at 11 o'clock this morning, killing three persons, fatally injuring three and seriously injuring fifteen others.

NEWS AT THE EAST SHORE

COTTAGERS AND VISITORS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Arrivals from Montana—Many From Brooklyn, N. Y.—A Birthday Party Yesterday—Other Notes of Interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Welch, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Neal and G. P. Durham of Montana are the recent arrivals at the Pequot.

The schooner yacht Guitana with a large party aboard is spending a few days at the Cove.

At the Sunset View the following have registered: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bingham of Forestville, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Willis and Mr. E. M. Willis, William Hall, Yale '85, is stopping at the Mallory cottage.

Miss Carolyn Booth of George street is spending a week at Redwood.

Those stopping at the McClure house are Mrs. L. A. Tuttle, Miss J. A. Tuttle, Mr. S. B. Tuttle, Miss Nelly A. Lusk, Miss Sophie S. Lusk, Percy K. Lusk, Miss S. G. Graham, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. G. P. Allen, Mrs. G. P. Allen, Miss Louise Allen, all of Bristol; Mr. John Young, James S. Young, Benjamin F. Young, Master John Young, Alice B. Young, all of New Britain; Mr. R. H. Carrier, Mrs. R. H. Carrier, Master Richard Carrier, all of Westfield, Mass.; Miss G. B. Park, Mr. J. Judson Trappan, Miss C. P. Trappan, Mrs. Barnes, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.

A birthday party was given by Harold Winslow, son of George M., at the home at home at Morris Cove yesterday afternoon. Games and boating were enjoyed in the morning, and in the afternoon a splendid repast was served to those present. The party was entertained by Mrs. Arthur Merrill, Mrs. E. M. Hicks, Mrs. F. E. Baldwin, Miss Marsh and Miss Thompson.

Those present were: Harold Law, Lester Burke, George Smith, and Misses Eldred, Baldwin, Hodgson, Ida Hodgson, Winslow, Hicks, Bertha Hicks, Bertha and Mildred Street, Viola and Irene Jessup.

AT SACRED HEART CLUB HOUSE.

Entertainment Enjoyed There by a Large Number Last Evening.

The Catholic club of the Sacred Heart parish gave a very elaborate entertainment at their club house on Howard avenue last evening. The lawn was beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns and the arbor in the back lawn was lighted by four large search lights and arranged for the orchestra. A low platform was placed near by, and dancing was part of the program. Scantling's orchestra furnished the music.

Following are the prominent members and invited guests who were present: William F. Donnelly and wife, ex-Alderman Burke and wife, J. J. Kennedy and wife, Thomas F. Keegan, mother and sister, George E. Burns, wife and daughter, Riley Phillips and wife, Johnson Murray and wife, Thomas S. Mulby, James Moran, Dr. Slattery, Dr. McCabe, William Cole, Captain J. J. Kennedy, John A. Heenan, the Misses Moran, Mrs. William Berry, Miss Stella Berry, Miss Alice Heath, Miss Maggie Deakin, Dr. E. Grant Labian, Frank Carroll and wife, Miss Beckley of Ansonia, Prof. M. Reynolds, Miss Maggie Sullivan, Mrs. Hackett and Miss Fitzgerald of Springfield and others.

During the evening a number of very fine selections were given by Mr. Cole on the guitar. There was also a recitation by M. F. Sullivan, a solo by Riley Phillips, and a duet by Mrs. McCabe Howard and Riley Phillips. A highly enjoyable time is reported.

Patrick Kelly Dead.

Patrick Kelly, saloonkeeper at York and Oak street, died suddenly at his home last evening of Bright's disease. He was forty years old and had lived in New Haven twenty-three years. He was an ex-councilman of the Third ward. He leaves a wife and two children.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Grand Rally at Epworth M. E. Church. The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Epworth M. E. church will hold a grand rally and mass meeting on Sunday evening, July 21, at 6 o'clock. The public are cordially invited. Addresses will be given by Past President Bostwick of the New Haven Christian Endeavor union, Lawyer R. H. Tyner, Superintendent Anderson of Cavalry Industrial home, A. T. Bierkan of the Yale Law school, and a general consecration meeting will be led by Mr. W. S. Brainard, secretary of the New Haven Christian Endeavor union. Good citizenship, practical working Christianity, the highest type of manhood and other wide awake topics will be discussed. Gospel Hymns No. 6 will be used. Come and bring your friends. The church seats twelve hundred and every seat is free and everybody is welcome.

A GIRL'S TERRIBLE FATE.

fell Across a Live Electric Wire—Instantly Killed.

Norwalk, July 17.—Kate, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Charles E. Valentine, fell face down across a live wire in a field back of the LeGrand Lockwood place shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and was killed by the electric current.

The girl worked in Roth & Goldschmidt's candy shop and was a general favorite. She did not feel well this morning and started to go home. Some boys who were berrying in the field discovered her body.

Captain LeGrand Jennings came at their call and lifted the girl from the wire, receiving several shocks in doing so. The wire crossed her right cheek and burned a deep broad furrow the body. The wire was a small telephone wire that had blown down and became crossed with an electric light feed cable.

PREMIUM LIST OUT.

Union Agricultural Fair Will Last Three Days With New Features.

The premium lists for the twenty-fourth annual fair of the Union Agricultural society are out and show several new features. Instead of two days there are to be three days of the fair and the program is as follows:

Wednesday, September 25, exhibition of cattle, poultry and swine; at 11 a. m. trains of oxen and steers to form and be examined by the judges; 1:30 p. m., two-year-old colt race; 2 p. m., exhibition of draught oxen; 2:45 p. m., class trotting horses; 4 p. m., grand procession of all oxen and steers on the track.

Thursday, September 26, exhibition of horses and colts; three-year-old colt race, 2:35 class in trotting, exhibition of single roadsters, draught horses and peg race. The latter is a novelty and is described as follows: Horses to be hitched to two-wheeled vehicles, and when called upon the track to back up in line against the fence next to the judge's stand, with horses facing grand stand. At top of the bell every man is to unhitch his horse, lead him across the track to a peg assigned, and unharness his horse, taking every strap off, bridle and all. He is then to harness as quickly as possible, hitch to his vehicle and drive one-half mile, either on a trot or run. The first driver at the wire to get first premium. Every horse must wear a full harness.

Friday, September 27, exhibition of stallions, horses for family use, roadsters; three minute class in trotting and free-for-all race, also a premium race.

Another Fresh Air Excursion.

Three Special Cars of the New Haven Street Railway Company took to Lake

Stanton yesterday morning for an all day's outing the members of the mothers' meeting of the City Missionary association. About 200 were included in the party, over half the number being mothers and their little children, whose excursion expenses were all met by the contribution to the fresh air fund of one of the benevolent ladies of New Haven, who has done the same for several years past. Besides their baskets of luncheon, tea and ice cream, were served on the ground at the head of the lake, and during the afternoon Rev. Dr. Phillips, the president of the association, conducted the usual devotional services and made an address. The mothers' meeting is a part of the work of the women's department of the Missionary association, and is having good results for the efforts put forth under the care of Mrs. H. B. Sturges, chairman of the committee in charge; Miss A. Dorman, Mrs. L. C. Dayton, Mrs. Killam, Miss Fogg, Mrs. William Shepard and others.

Had a Pleasant Sail.

Yesterday morning Smith Bros., the oyster dealers of City Point, took out a small party of friends for a sail. The party were out from three to four hours. A sumptuous lunch of oysters was served.

Among the party were Nathan Eastbrook, Jr., Mr. Wooster, H. D. Munson, J. W. S. Peck, George Kelley, John I. Hutchinson, Fred Cowles, Alderman Benham, W. F. Sternberg, P. W. Chase and a number of others. Just below the new lighthouse the party witnessed the operations of a diver, who was blowing up, by means of dynamite, an old wreck which has seriously interfered with oyster dredging.

Charged With Theft of a Watch.

Susan Mead is under arrest at police headquarters, charged with the theft of a gold watch valued at \$25 from Miss Jennie J. Ford of No. 2 Orange street, where Mrs. Mead boarded with her husband. The watch was found in a news shop, and Mrs. Mead when arrested yesterday admitted the theft.

A New Business Block.

The work of construction was begun yesterday on a handsome five-story brick business block on Congress avenue, just above Hill street, which is to be built for Mr. Merritt W. Burwell. Plans for this building were prepared by Architect W. H. Allen and the contract for its construction has been awarded to A. J. Carmichael.

The principal dimensions of the structure are to be 40 feet front by 65 feet deep. There are to be two stories on the first floor and the upper stories are to be divided into six flats. These flats are to have all modern improvements and will be finished in hard wood throughout. The front of the building will be built of light colored brick and the trimmings are to be of Kettle River sandstone. The building will cost about \$15,000.

Refused to Retract a Word.

Brussels, July 17.—A scene of great excitement occurred in the chamber of deputies to-day when M. Demblen, socialist, in the course of a speech declared that although the Belgian royal family had come to Belgium as poor as rats, they had become enormously rich from the sweat of the poor of the country. A prolonged uproar ensued and the president ordered Demblen to withdraw his words, but the deputy refused to retract a single word.

More Bicycle Races.

The Bridgeport Wheel club lost about \$1,000 on the recent meet, and Tuesday night they held a meeting and decided to hold another meet in August. Only class A men will be allowed to compete.

THE SUCCESS AT NANTASKET.

Electricity and the Consolidated Road.

In conversation with a Bridgeport News reporter Colonel Hoff said Tuesday: "We are now running fifty trains of electric cars on the Nantasket Beach road and Sunday there was big riding. The electric railroad is much better on short lines than steam roads, and it will not be long before the Consolidated will equip all their short lines with electrical apparatus. The experiment on the road I am managing has been even more successful than we anticipated."

Should be Over by 12 O'Clock.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL and COURIER.

May we enlist your kind services in requesting the dry goods purchasing public to do its trading by 12 o'clock on Fridays? The several firms are kind enough to grant us this half holiday, and the public can help us in perpetuating it by doing its trading by 12 noon.

Dry Goods Clerks' Association.